

SPELLING

Are There Any Tricks to Becoming a Successful Speller?

- ❑ One technique for successful spelling is to **say**, or pronounce, the word correctly.
- ❑ Another technique for successful spelling is to **write the word**.
- ❑ It is helpful to **refer to a dictionary** for the correct spellings of questionable words.
- ❑ A **memory device** may be of use: c-a-p-i-t-o-l is the spelling for our nation's Capitol Building; the "o" looks like the dome of the Capitol Building.
- ❑ A technique for successful spelling is to **divide the word into parts**, or syllables, and spell it syllable by syllable.
- ❑ Another technique for successful spelling is to **write the spellings** of difficult or often-used words in a notebook.
- ❑ **Editing** your written work will also help you to notice any misspellings.

Some Spelling Guidelines to Remember

1. **I** before **e**
Except after **c**
Or when it s
As in neight

2. In **one-sylla**
adding the s
hop + ing =

3. When a **prefix** is added to a word, the **spelling** of the root word is **not changed**.
mis + understand = **misunderstand** re + connect = **reconnect**

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onsonant before

Try This!

1] How many words are **misspelled** in this sentence?
The son's raise formed a colorfull mosaic on the pond.

- a] one
- b] two
- c] three
- d] four

2] Each word in this sentence is spelled **correctly**.
In order to buy all of our school supplies, my mom needed a loan from my little brother's piggybank!

- a] true
- b] false